

SENATE BILL 2032

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 7, relative to applications for higher  
education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

- (a) The Tennessee higher education commission shall confer with the board of regents and the University of Tennessee board of trustees to create a common application to be used by all institutions of higher education within the state university and community college system and the University of Tennessee. The commission shall design such an application in order to increase the ease of applying to colleges and universities throughout Tennessee. The board of regents and board of trustees shall fully cooperate with the commission in the creation of a common application. The application shall be completed and implemented for use by applicants for the 2012-2013 academic year.
- (b) The Tennessee higher education commission shall confer with the board of regents and the University of Tennessee board of trustees to create a common state financial aid application to be used by all institutions of higher education within the state university and community college system and the University of Tennessee. In designing such an application the commission shall strive to simplify the application process. The board of regents and board of trustees shall fully cooperate with the commission in the creation of a common financial aid application. The application shall be completed and implemented for use by financial aid applicants for the 2012-2013 academic year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.